

REMARKS

In order to be responsive to the election or restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, applicants refer the Examiner to the preliminary amendments to the claims included herein. Applicants note that the preliminary amendments corrected some inadvertent errors regarding claim dependency.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of the invention of group I, that is, claims 1-15, 27, 37-41, and 62-77, with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in a later filed application(s) and to argue against any restriction of the claims raised in any such application(s).

In view of the foregoing, applicant believes that the claims 1-15, 27, 37-41, and 62-77, are all allowable and the same is respectfully requested. If any impediment to the allowance of these claims remains after entry of this Amendment, and such impediment could be alleviated during a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to initiate the same.